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CONFIRMATION NO. 1101

FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$1010** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1910** for a Large Entity

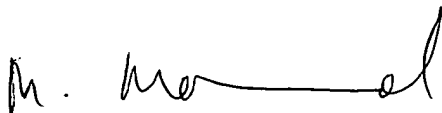
- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$1010**
 - **\$720** for **40** total claims over 20.
 - **\$290** for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

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In re application of: Scott A. Marckini et al.

Serial No.: 10/693,812

Examiner: unknown

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Docket No.: 5806

Title: PROCESS FOR SAFELY DECONTAMINATING THE CHILL WATER
USED IN MEAT PROCESSING

RESPONSE TO MISSING PARTS NOTICE

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Sir:

This is in response to a "Missing Parts Notice" mailed on 01/28/2004, a copy of which is attached.

The Missing Parts Notice states that the Declaration and the basic filing fee of \$770 are missing and that a surcharge of \$130.00 is due. Additionally, claim fees are due in the amount of \$1010. Please charge deposit account # 01-2530 in the amount of \$1910.00 to cover the total cost of these fees. The Declaration is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge, without specific authorization, any additional fees which may be required in connection with the filing of this "Missing Parts Notice" to deposit account # 01-2530. A duplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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